

# LOCAL NEWS.

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**—The Board met at the usual hour. Several communications were presented. One from the Mayor, announcing his approval of certain acts; also, one communicating a letter from Mrs. W. B. Franklin, of the Board of Managers of the Washington City Protestant Orphan Asylum, in relation to a bill of Thompson & Hannan.

Referred to Committee on Drainage.

The petition of Moses Munster, for the remission of a fine, was referred.

Mr. Price introduced a resolution directing the Water Registrar to furnish the Board with a correct list of all those who have taken Potomac water, designating those who have paid and those who have not paid.

The following bills were reported:

Bill of the lower Board to trim and gravel Tenth street west, from L to N street north; passed.

Bill to lay a foot pavement on the west front of square 352; passed.

Bill for graveling Second street west, from C street south to Virginia avenue; passed.

Bill for the relief of the Western Horse Company; passed.

Joint resolution in relation to the proposed union of Washington and Georgetown; laid on the table, ordered to be printed, and made the special order for next Monday evening.

On motion, the special order of the evening, the bill entitled "An act for the better protection of owners of property sold for taxes by virtue of any law of this Corporation," was taken up for consideration.

After discussion of considerable length, in which Dr. Magruder, Messrs. Price, Moore, Fisher, and Ward, took a part, it was finally recommended to the Committee on Finance.

**COMMON COUNCIL.**—The Board met at the usual hour, and was called to order by the President. Present: Messrs. Bryan, Borrows, Chapin, Edmondston, Emerson, Given, Jones, Lammond, Mead, Mohun, Morgan, Mulloy, Ober, Russell, Thomas, and Van Riwick.

The President produced a letter from his Honor Mayor Berret, signifying his approval of the following bills, passed by the Council:

An act for the liquidation of certain claims against the Franklin Fire Company;

An act authorizing the opening of new alleys in square numbered five hundred and thirteen;

An act in relation to the Central Guard House;

An act authorizing the curbstones to be set and the footway laid on the south front of square No. 283;

An act making an appropriation for the improvement of the Western Burial Ground; and

An act for the relief of James S. Holland.

A petition from Haslop & Weedon was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

A petition from J. H. McCutcheon, in relation to an overcharge for taxes, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Edmondston presented a petition from John J. Clark, asking for the remission of a fine; referred to Claims Committee.

Mr. Chapin presented a bill for a wooden trunk at the intersection of Third street east and Maryland avenue; read three times, and passed.

Mr. Van Riwick presented a resolution, making an appropriation for draining Fourth street east, near Virginia avenue; read three times, and passed.

He also presented a resolution authorizing an appropriation for repaving streets around the Centre Market; read three times, and passed.

Mr. Thomas presented a petition from James B. Greenleaf, for the remission of a fine; referred to Claims Committee.

Mr. Van Riwick, from the Committee on Improvements, reported an act making an appropriation of \$1,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for partially improving Half street west; read three times, and passed.

He also, from the same committee, reported a bill to gravel G street north, from Seventeenth to Twenty-seventh streets west; passed.

Mr. Mohun, from the Committee on Drainage and the Distribution of Water, presented a bill authorizing the laying of a water main on Massachusetts avenue, from Ninth to Tenth streets west. It was accompanied by a petition from eleven property holders on that square. Read three times, and passed.

Also, a joint resolution authorizing the Mayor to cause the proving machines, houses, and other property of the water department, to be removed to the pipe yard; read three times, and passed.

Mr. Mead, from the Committee on Police, reported an act in relation to market regulations; read three times, and passed.

Also, from the same committee, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the bill for the protection of market house property; they were accordingly discharged therefrom.

**Bills from the Board of Aldermen:**

Bill in relation to a drain on M street; referred to the Committee on Improvements.

Bill for the relief of property holders on the north front of square 289; referred to the Committee on Improvements.

Act making an appropriation for expenses incurred in the distribution of Potomac water; referred to the Committee on Drainage and the Distribution of Water.

Bill for the relief of James Rhodes; referred to Committee on Improvements.

A circular received from Richard Wallach, Esq., was, on motion, postponed indefinitely.

**The District Military Bill.**—Mr. Mead then offered a resolution, asking the Board of Aldermen to return to this Board the papers in relation to the military appropriation bill.

Mr. Jones was opposed to the whole plan of giving to the military anything for their support. If they were a volunteer militia, why should they desire any aid?

Mr. Mulloy reminded the gentleman that he (Mr. Jones) had voted to present the seventh regiment of New York with a stand of colors, but was not willing to give anything to our own District military. He hoped the resolution would pass.

Mr. Lammond would vote against an appropriation for any military. They did not need any room to drill in; they ought to drill out of doors. The Army has nothing to do with the city; the place to go to is the General Government.

Dr. Borrows thought the resolution should be adopted by the Board; it was a small amount anyhow—only \$250. He thought the action of this Board had been unfortunate; they had no chance to pass upon its real merits. It was every man's duty to become a military man, but few do it; and those who do, cannot, without neglecting their business, attend to these things. The militia should be encouraged. Whether we are opposed to the appropriation or not, let us consider that they do a great deal of duty. No community is safe without a well-organized police or a well-organized militia. He believed that politics did not enter into our military organizations; they were neither Mutes nor Wide Awakes; they were neither Republicans nor Democrats. No Palmetto flag waved over them—only the stars and stripes—the banner that should ever wave over every true American.

Mr. Edmondston. How about Massachusetts?

Dr. Borrows. I trust I shall never be so

much a party man as to bring politics into every matter.

After other remarks from Mr. Lammond, and from the President, Mr. Mead stated that he had merely offered the resolution so that the papers might come back from the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Mead's resolution was passed.

A resolution in relation to reconsidering the case of Daniel Pfeiffer, who asked for the remission of a fine for selling liquor on Sunday, occasioned considerable debate, in which Messrs. Mulloy, Clark, Given, and Mead, participated.

In the course of the debate, Mr. Mulloy observed that the practice of selling liquor on the Sabbath was a very common one; and that certain policemen in every ward, prior to a certain recent election, were found drunk on the Sabbath.

The resolution was passed.

The Board then adjourned.

Hon. D. W. Gooch and family, Mass., Hon. W. C. Anderson, Va., Hon. C. S. Scott, Cal., Hon. M. Wilkinson, Minn., Hon. W. Kellogg, Ill., are stopping at the National.

Hon. R. Davis, Ala., Hon. Z. B. Vance, N. C., Hon. H. A. Edmundson, Va., are stopping at Brown's.

Judge Stratton, Kansas, and Hon. T. J. Barr, N. Y., are stopping at Willard's.

Hon. A. Iverson, Ga., is at Kirkwood's.

Hon. John Wood, and Hon. J. W. Killinger, Pa., are stopping at the Clay Hotel.

**CRIMINAL COURT.**—After we went to press, on yesterday, James Mahony was tried and found guilty of an assault and battery on Thomas J. Magruder, on the last election day; sentenced to jail for three months, and to pay a fine of \$1 and costs.

During the day, Thomas J. Johnson, Thomas J. Page, and Wm. F. Mattingly, Esq., were admitted to the bar.

This morning, Lawrence Dent, a negro boy, was tried on the charge of larceny of a pistol, watch, and other articles, from Geo. M. Miller; the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and he was sentenced to one year and six months imprisonment in the penitentiary.

**REPAIRS.**—The lower floor of the Navy Department building has been thoroughly repaired and renovated, for occupancy by the officials now located in Winder's building. The stairs of the State Department have been covered with neat patterns of corrugated zinc.

**RELIGIOUS.**—The Union Prayer Meeting will be held every day this week, in the Foundry M. E. Church, corner of G and Fourteenth streets, to commence at a quarter past four o'clock, and to be continued one hour.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION OF UNION PRAYER MEETINGS.**—The third National Convention of Union Prayer Meetings will be held in this city, commencing on the 11th inst., at 7 1/2 P. M.

**THE DRILL.**—The regular police drill came off yesterday, at the City Hall. The "gray coats" were nearly all present, and looked very well.

**A NEW PLAY.**—A new piece, written by H. Clay Preuss, Esq., entitled "Fashions and Follies of Washington Life," will shortly be brought out at the Theatre. It is well written, and will doubtless have a good run.

Those who desire to get a good present for the holidays would do well to drop in on Mrs. Donaldson's, opposite the Centre Market space, and procure one of her splendid photographs. What is more appropriate for a holiday present?

**FULLY COMMITTED.**—Thomas Fletcher, arrested on Saturday night, for purloining eighty-one pounds of beef, had a further hearing before Justice Clark, yesterday afternoon, and was fully committed for court.

**WATCH REPORT.**—Joseph Rosenberry, for an assault upon Mr. Bean, gave bail for court. Horatio Bates, profane and disorderly, paid \$1.94 fine, and costs. John W. Carr, carrying a pistol, was charged \$26.06 fine, and costs. James Owens, disorderly, gave security, and paid costs. R. A. Williams, profanity, \$1.94 fine, and costs. Joseph Cider, for employing his time in the same delinquent manner, was fined \$1.94. George Wilson, gentleman of leisure, vulgarly termed a "vagrant," was sent down for ninety days. Several lodgers were accommodated.

**CENTRE MARKET.**—On account of the weather, the attendance was rather small, and the trading dull. We have no changes to note in the prices.

**ATTENTION, POLICE.**—The negroes who frequently congregate in the alley between I and K, and Fourth and Fifth streets, known as Prather's alley, are a pest to the neighborhood. We hope the A. G.'s and C. P.'s will attend to them.

Schooner B, of Philadelphia, capt. Twiford, arrived yesterday at Carter's wharf, with one hundred and twenty tons of coal, consigned to Castleman & Bro.

**Georgetown Correspondence.**

Georgetown, Dec. 4, 1860.

**Board of Common Council.**—Members present—Dunlop, Fearson, Hill, King, Pickers, Stake, and Tenney.

Communication from the Mayor, covering the resignation of George Beall as Assessor.

Mr. Tenney proposed a message to the Board of Aldermen, informing them that they were ready to proceed to business.

The President laid before the Board a communication from the Mayor, covering a letter from William T. Fendal, in relation to assessment of property; referred to Committee on Grievances. Also, bill of Gales & Seaton, for printing; also, a report of the Commissioner of the Corcoran Charity Fund. The requirements of the deed of Mr. Corcoran have been complied with. Henceforth there will be expended annually \$300 in wood, \$600 in provisions and clothing. The Commissioners recommend that the distributions be confined to the Ladies' Union Benevolent Society. Also, the resignation of William Redin, one of the Commissioners; referred to Board of Aldermen.

A communication from the Clerk, giving a statement of floating debt of town; referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Stake offered a resolution in relation to Aqueduct street; read first and second times.

Mr. Hill objected to the third reading.

Mr. Tenney offered a resolution, instructing the Committee of Ways and Means to inquire into the expediency of borrowing of the Commissioners of the sinking fund \$5,000, payable on the 1st of April, 1861; passed.

On motion of Mr. Stake, the Clerk was requested to notify the absentees of the meeting next Tuesday night.

Adjourned to Tuesday evening.

**Board of Aldermen.**—No meeting.

No change in flour and grain market.

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